



Behavioral Health Administration

Co-creating a people-first behavioral health system that meets the needs of all people in Colorado.

SMART Act Hearing
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What is the BHA?

The Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) is a new cabinet member-led agency within the State of Colorado, housed within the Department of Human Services and is designed to be the single entity responsible for driving coordination and collaboration across state agencies to address behavioral health needs.



Purpose Driven

Because we believe all people in Colorado deserve to experience whole-person health, we envision a world in which behavioral health services in Colorado are accessible, meaningful, and trusted. Therefore we have made it our mission to co-create a people-first behavioral health system that meets the needs of *all* people in Colorado.



Values Commitment

Our Values



COLLABORATION

Working in partnership to realize a holistic behavioral health vision

COMMUNITY-INFORMED PRACTICE

Integrating evidence-based guidance with lived expertise

EQUITY

Naming root causes of injustices and allocating the necessary resources to support desired outcomes

GENERATIONAL IMPACT

Engaging in meaningful and thoughtful action to create a new legacy

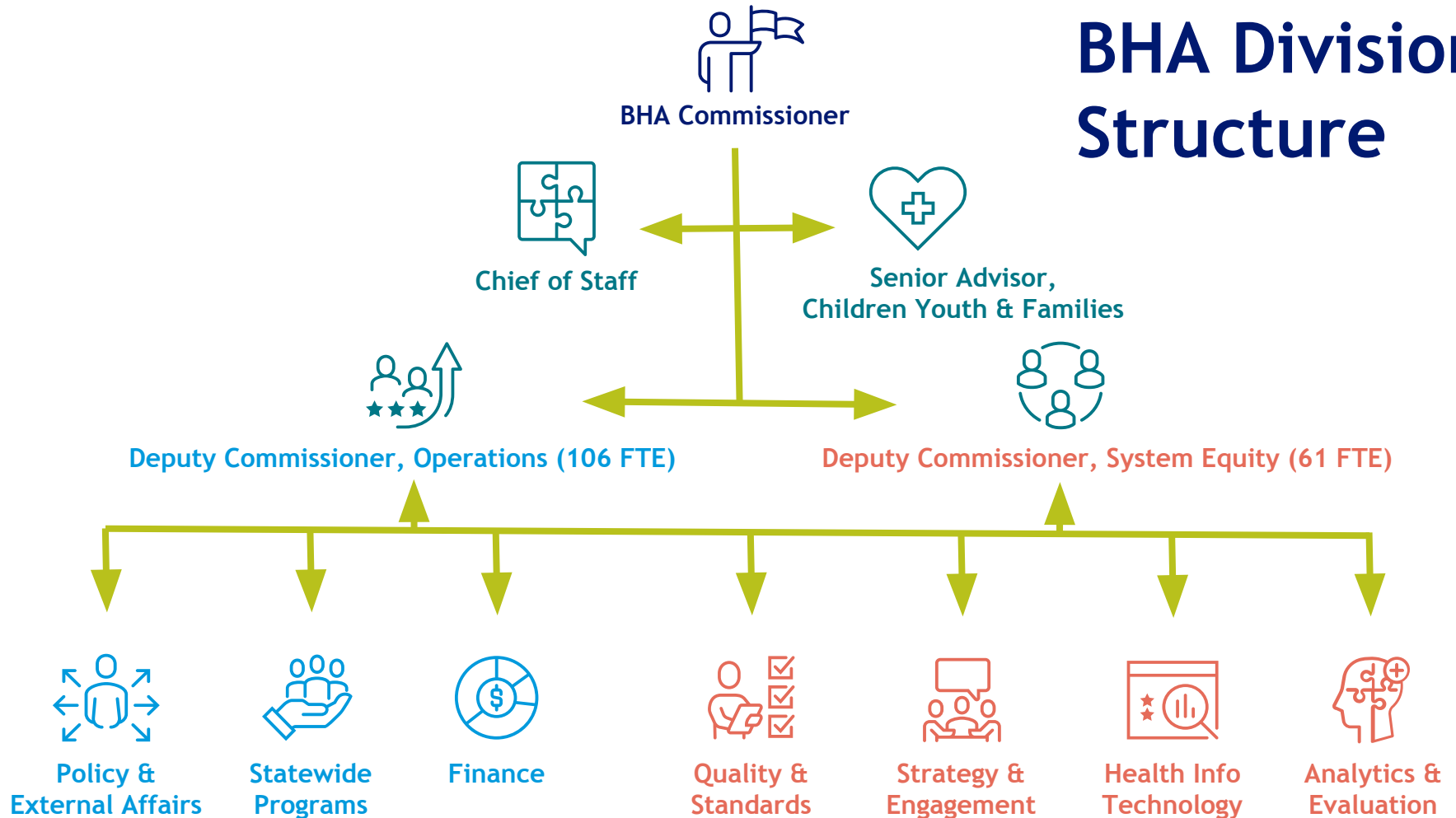
TRUTH

Being transparent and accurate when addressing the people of Colorado

The Governor's Behavioral Health Task Force identified the six pillars needed for a strong behavioral health system in Colorado.

ACCESS	AFFORDABILITY	WORKFORCE & SUPPORT
All people in Colorado need access to a continuum of behavioral health services and to be connected to those services when they need them.	Care can be affordable when people get the care they need to stay healthy, administrative efficiencies are captured, and payment models incentivize positive outcomes.	A high-quality, trained, resourced, culturally-responsive and diverse behavioral health professional workforce is needed in Colorado to deliver improved health access.
ACCOUNTABILITY	LIVED EXPERIENCE & LOCAL GUIDANCE	WHOLE PERSON CARE
Collaboration across statewide partners needs to take place to ensure that all people in Colorado are receiving the quality care they need.	Engagement with community partners is critical to best meet local behavioral health needs together.	All people in Colorado are best served when their social determinants of health are adequately addressed.

BHA Division Structure

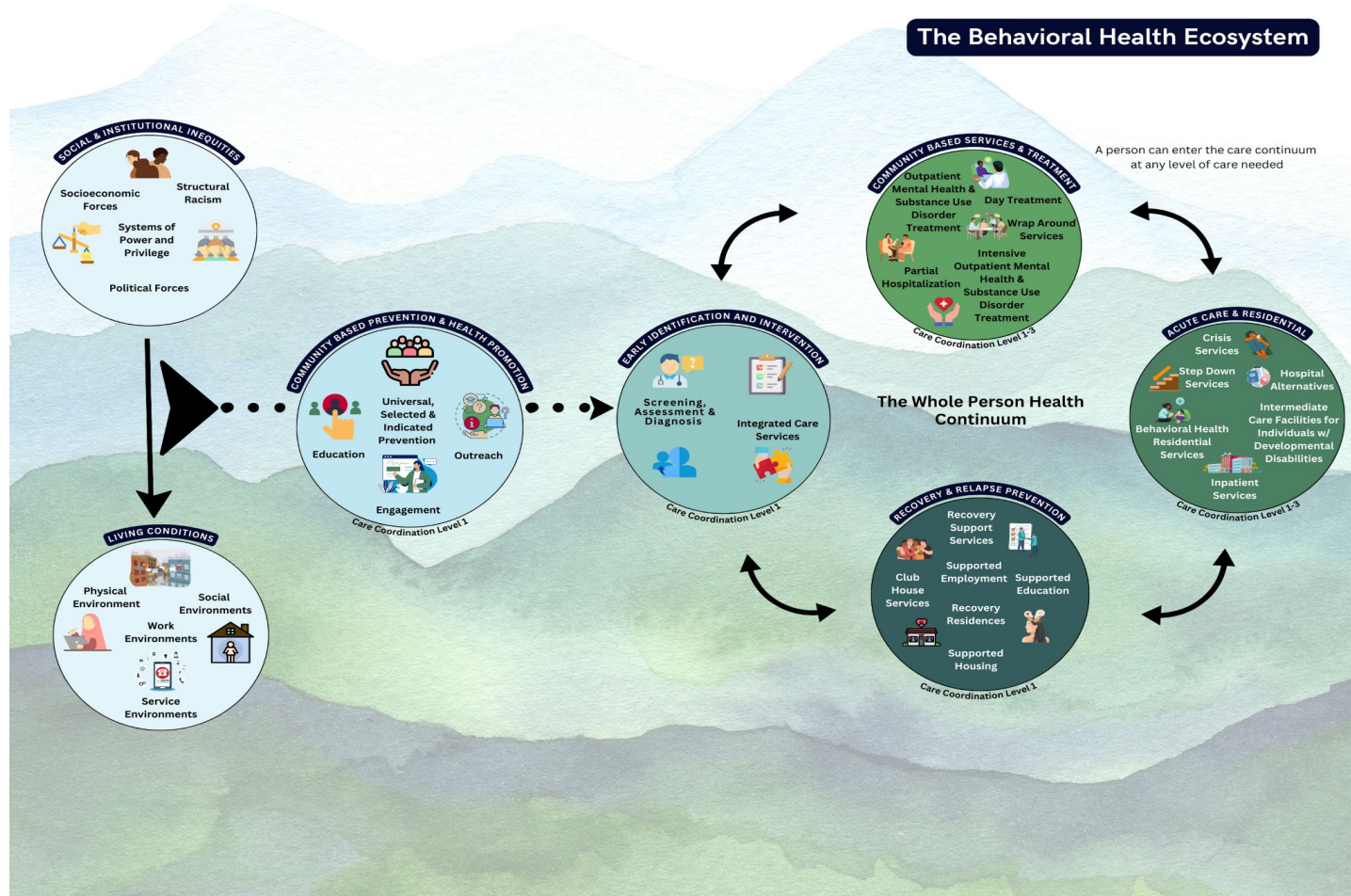




Advancing Behavioral Health Equity

The BHA's strategic approach moves the Colorado behavioral health system from merely recognizing root causes of injustice to an actionable approach that centers on equity as a system-wide practice.

The Behavioral Health Ecosystem





Legislative Agenda

BHA Implementation Update Bill

Alignment, Person-Centered Services and Accountability:

- Competency restoration is DHS not BHA
- Care Navigation Program included in Care Coordination Infrastructure
- Gifts, grants, and donations
- Representation on boards and commissions
- Service coordination not more restrictive than HIPAA
- Clarify data authority
- Language access services in safety-net
- 988 Crisis Hotline Enterprise continuous appropriation





Regulatory Agenda

2023 BHA Rules

Form and Manner to Apply
to be a BHASO

1st Reading
Feb. 2023

Behavioral Health Entity
Licensing & Safety-Net Approval

1st Reading
March 2023





Budget Priorities

- Building on the momentum and call-to-action from HB 22-1278 in creating a behavioral health system that is accessible, meaningful, and trusted.
- Keeping families intact by providing necessary funding support for behavioral health services for children with complex behavioral health needs
- Sustaining workforce development efforts by funding long-term learning management system functionality



BHA FY24 Budget Requests: Summary

These adjustments are necessary for executing a sustainable spectrum of care across Colorado's behavioral health system.

R1: BHA Personnel

\$3,514,920 GF - 34.0 FTE

Support continued implementation of a multi-year BH system reform effort

R2: CYMHTA

\$5.5M GF

Meet demand and reduce need for a waitlist

R3: LMS

\$755,517 GF - 1.0 FTE

Ongoing maintenance and development of the behavioral health workforce LMS.

R4: Provider Rate

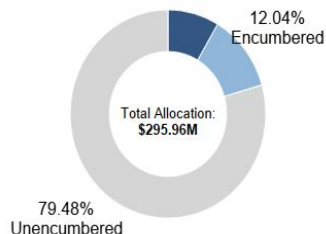
\$5,246,702 total funds
3% provider rate increase

R5: Technical Adjustments

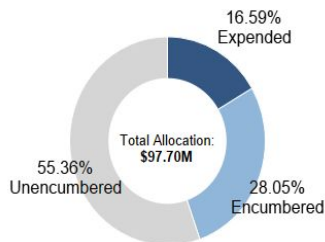
Net Zero
Navigation in CC Infrastructure
988 Continuous Appropriation

Overall Spending Status - BHA

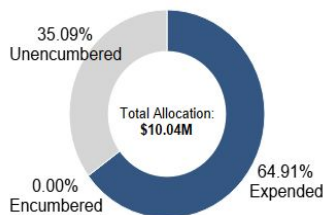
ARPA State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF)



ARPA Direct to Agency Awards (DAA)



State Stimulus



Stimulus Status

BHA awarded \$400+m in ARPA Stimulus funds, funding over 30 different initiatives



Stimulus Update

- Creation and continued funding of I Matter Program, offering free mental health and substance use disorder services for youth
- Release of \$130m+ in grant opportunities made available through SB 22-196 and HB 22-1281
- Received no-cost-extension on direct-to-agency stimulus funding originally expiring March 2023





Community BH Continuum Gap Grant Program (C.R.S. 27-60-504)

- \$25M to address gaps in the behavioral health continuum of care for local communities
- \$34M to address gaps in the behavioral health continuum of care specifically for children, youth, and families
- RFA has been released. First wave of applications is due 1/15/2023



Performance Management

In this current fiscal year, the BHA is part of CDHS' performance plan. The BHA will have its own performance plan for FY24.



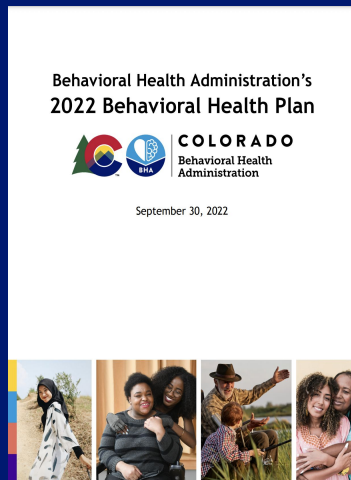
BHA Performance Management (integrated with CDHS FY 23)





Reports + Publications

[Strengthening the Behavioral Health Workforce in Colorado: An Approach to Community Partnership](#), is our strategic plan to strengthen the behavioral health workforce in Colorado to ensure we have a behavioral health system that offers accessible, meaningful, and trusted services.

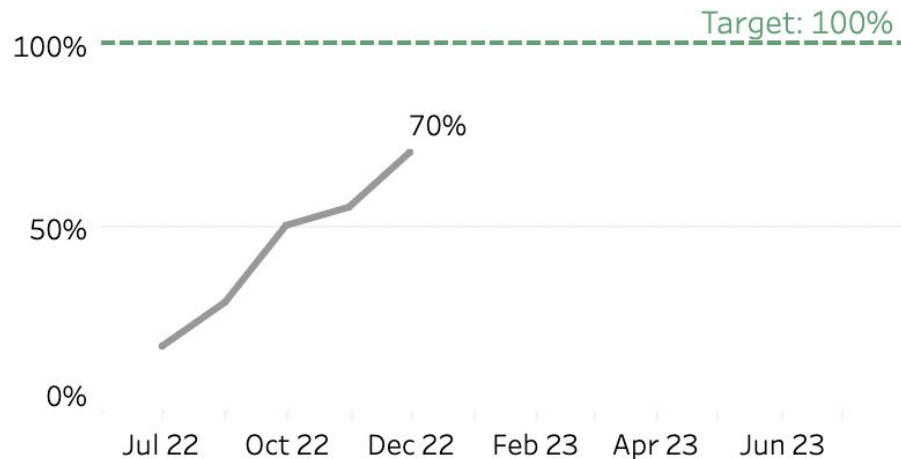


The [General Assembly Report, 2022 Behavioral Health Plan](#) report contains the Behavioral Health Administration's (BHA's) early conceptualization of what it means to be the lead steward of a people-first vision for whole-person health in Colorado. As you read, we hope you can sense our excitement to prove ourselves trustworthy as the people's agency; called for by the people of our state and working to bring the people's vision to life.

BHA Wildly Important Goal (WIG #1): Operationalize the BHA

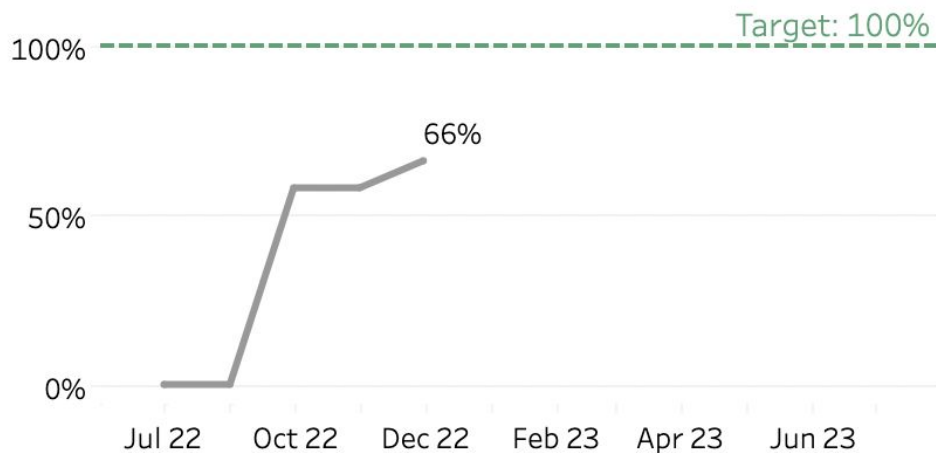
Part 1: Release BHA strategic plan, including vision, mission, values, and prioritized key actions through 2024, by January 31, 2023.

Part 2: BHA will work with counties to assess behavioral health system gaps by region; will monitor progress on promulgation of rules aimed at improving behavioral health service delivery; and will track progress and begin reporting on meeting regional behavioral health service needs, starting in FY24.



BHA Wildly Important Goal (WIG #2): Improve Behavioral Health Access

Implement access to care methodology for the safety net system and publicly report on baseline access metrics by June 30, 2023.



BHA Wildly Important Goal (WIG #3, Part 2): Workforce Development

Part 2: Develop recommended strategies to address the behavioral health workforce shortage by September 1, 2022. As part of the Workforce Strategic Plan, the BHA will implement 5 of the initiatives outlined in the behavioral health workforce report by June 30, 2023.





Establish networked governance structure of the BHA to improve accountability

State agencies are working together to create a new legacy for you, for your loved ones, and for generations to come

Truth

Build an accountable, affordable, high-quality behavioral health system, in collaboration with other state agencies

A cross-payer, cross-sector strategy ensures that the people of Colorado get the services they need, no matter how they access services

Equity

Promote a new system norm of investing in upstream prevention

Creating a more just world for the people of Colorado starts with addressing the material conditions of their everyday lives

Collaboration

Create Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organizations to expand provider networks and services

Services that are accessible, meaningful, and coordinated statewide will support the resilience of individuals, families, and communities

Community Informed Practice

Implement new digital products and modernize existing tech systems to enhance access to care

Every person in Colorado deserves to experience whole person health and have supports that meet them where they are

Generational Impact

BHA Roadmap

Statutory Requirements (Appendix A)



Present Behavioral Health Plan

(§ 27-50-204, C.R.S.)

Veteran Suicide Prevention Pilot

(§ 27-50-102, C.R.S.)

Crisis Response System Updates

(§ 27-60-103, C.R.S.)

Secure Transportation In the Crisis System

(§ 27-60-104, C.R.S.)

Criminal Justice Diversion Program

(§ 27-60-106.5, C.R.S.)



Statutory Requirements (2 of 3)

Workforce Development (LMS)

(§ 27-60-112, C.R.S.)

Workforce Shortage

(§ 27-60-304, C.R.S.)

Early intervention, deflection, and redirection from the criminal justice system grant program

(§ 27-60-404, C.R.S.)

Community BH Continuum Gap Grant Program

(§ 27-60-504, C.R.S.)

High Fidelity WrapAround

(§ 27-62-102, C.R.S.)



Statutory Requirements (3 of 3)

Safety-Net System Progress

(§ 27-63-106, C.R.S.)

988 Crisis Hotline

(§ 27-64-105, C.R.S.)

Transition Specialist Program

(§ 27-66.5-105, C.R.S.)

Medication Consistency

(§ 27-70-103, C.R.S.)

Substance Use Disorder Services

(§ 27-80-107.5, C.R.S.)

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